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11. (C) DCM contacted MFA Chief of Staff, Pierre Vimont, to update him on USG demarches in UNSC capitals to gather support for the earliest possible adoption of a UNSCR on Lebanon. Vimont said that the GOF shared our urgency for a resolution that could bring a much needed end to hostilities. Vimont was positive about efforts underway in New York and insisted the GOF wanted to come to an agreement on the text today so that it could be put in blue by this evening (August 10).

12. (C) In a separate conversation, IO desk officer for Lebanon Selena Grenet indicated to Deputy PolCouns that in her view, France, unofficially, could accept the current U.S. draft resolution so long as it was understood that an Israeli withdrawal, even if progressive, would need "to start" immediately. In other words, France was of the view that the deployment of Lebanese army forces (supported by an enhanced UNIFIL) and the departure of Israeli forces would need to occur in parallel. NOTE: We have no way of knowing how informed or authoritative Grenet's view is.

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